

REMARKS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Final Office Action dated April 27, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 1,2 and 4-16 were examined. More specifically, claims 7-16 have been allowed; claims 1, 2 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peace (USPN 6,687,260) in view of McKay et al. (USPN 5,844,905); and claims 5 and 6 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

In this Response, claims 5 and 6 have been amended; claims 1, 2, and 4 have been canceled; no new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 5-16 remain present for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 6 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have emended claims 5 and 6 to reflect this suggestion.

The Examiner has deemed claims 7-16 allowable. Applicants thank the examiner for this allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peace (USPN 6,687,260) in view of McKay et al. (USPN 5,844,905). Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been cancelled obviating this rejection. Please cancel claims 1, 2 and 4. Applicants respectfully submit these claims are allowable over the cited prior art, but are canceling the claims to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation to this subject matter in the future.

Conclusion

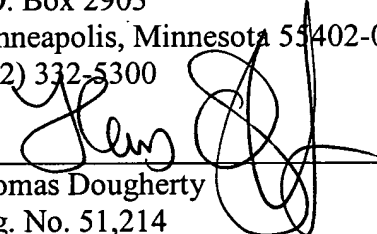
It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attempt to resolve those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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